# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
# POLLUTION REPORT

## I. HEADING

**Date:** October 9, 1998

**Subject:** Bossert Manufacturing Site
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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**POLREP NO. 31**

## II. BACKGROUND

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| **Site No.:** | **S7** |
| **Delivery Order No.:** | **2101-02-010** |
| **Response Authority:** | **CERCLA** |
| **ERNS No.:** | **N/A** |
| **CERCLIS No.:** | **NYD002249563** |
| **NPL Status:** | **Non-NPL** |
| **Action Memo Status:** | **Approved on 9/26/97** |
| **Start Date:** | **9/30/97** |
| **Demobilization Date:** | **N/A** |
| **Completion Date:** | **N/A** |

## III. SITE INFORMATION

### A. Incident Category

**CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility**

### B. Site Description

**The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.**

**CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition of a building.**

**For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).**

## IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

### A. Situation

#### 1. Removal Actions to Date

**September 14-October 9: ERRS concentrated their efforts on the decontamination of sumps and floors in the press room. ERRS also continued decontaminating the trimmer room floor and cutting up scrap metal to prepare for salvaging. On September 28, ERRS completed the cleanup of the part of the boiler room containing friable asbestos, scrap metal and other debris. On September 30, ERRS initiated the cleanup of an area in the boiler room containing mercury. This effort had to be postponed due to heavy rainfall filling in the sump containing the mercury. On October 6, ERRS initiated the decontamination of PCB contaminated structural steel within the press room and continued through to the end of this reporting period.**

During this reporting period, two roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated solid debris were shipped off site. See section VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES for an updated table of various wastes shipped off site.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder on an as need basis. ERRS will continue to dewater the sumps and continue backfilling the sumps with crushed stone and concrete. Scrap metal will continue to be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer prior to salvaging.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF October 9, 1998 *

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|---|---|---|
| ERRS Contractor | $ | 4,004,193 |
| START Contractor Costs | | 214,919 |
| Intramural Costs | | 369,094 |
| USCG-AST | | 3,811 |
| TOTAL | $ | 4,592,017 |
| Project Ceiling | $ | 5,990,000 |
| Percent of Project Funds Remaining | | 23.4% |

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

| Waste stream | Medium | Quantity | Containment-Migration Control | Treatment | Disposal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PCB (UN3077) | Debris | 2,120 cu. yds. | Consolidated & Covered | Landfilled | Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY |
| PCB (UN2315) | Kiln dust & spent carbon | 480.87 tons | Consolidated & Covered | Landfilled | Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY |
| Non Hazardous solid | Debris | 125.03 tons | Consolidated & Covered | Landfilled | Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY |
| ACM | Debris (Friable) | 55 cu. yds. | Consolidated & Covered | Landfilled | Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY |
| ACM | Debris (Non-Friable) | 1740 cu. yds. | Consolidated & Covered | Landfilled | Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY |

## VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

| Material | Quantity | Funds Recovered |
|---|---|---|
| Scrap Metal | 201.22 tons | $ 15,469.48 |

*** This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.**